

**Board of Apportionment & Taxation  
City of Ansonia**

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The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday, October 20, 2014 in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to consider requests for transfers of monies of all departments and/or new appropriations where funds are available to various departments. And any other business to come before said Board.

**Members Present**

Ms. Biasucci  
Mr. Blackwell  
Ms. Geruntho  
Mr. Izzo  
Mr. Kennedy  
Mr. Kohut  
Mr. Smerznak  
Mr. Veillette  
Ms. Waugh  
Mr. King

**Members Absent**

Mr. Boran  
Ms. Pinto

The meeting was called to order by Chairman King. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 10 members present.

Ms. Biasucci made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

**Public Session**

The meeting was opened to the public anyone wishing to address the Board may do so at this time.

Mr. Charles Stowe  
1<sup>st</sup> Ward Aldermen  
23 Granite Terrace

Mr. Stowe wished to voice his support for the Seasonal Public Works request before the Board this evening. Mr. Stowe realizes this Board is watching funding and does not wish to spend funds foolishly, however since this program has been in place the Town is cleaner, jobs are getting done. This program is cost effective.

Also the Registrar of Voters Salary is before you this evening I would also ask the Board to vote in favor of this increase. It has taken the Board of Aldermen 2 weeks to arrive at the decision before you and the Registrars haven't seen an increase in nearly two decades.

Mr. Randolph Carroll  
40 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Before you this evening is a communication for a donation in the amount of \$3,530.67 to be used for the restoration of the Mosaic Floor at the Library. I am looking for this Board to approve and allocate a line item into the Library budget for this budget. The balance of the budget approximately \$1,500 will be coming from the Friends of the Library. The project needs to be funded by the end of April 2015.

Mr. Tom Maffeo  
7 Ford Street  
Registrar of Voters

I am here this evening to request that the Board consider the salary increase before them for the Registrar of Voters. I do not know when the last increase was but Congress has added numerous responsibilities to the positions since the Florida election. I am asking you to support the resolution.

Christopher Waugh  
83 Prospect Street

I am a sophomore at Ansonia High School and part of our requirements is to put in some community volunteer hours, I am wondering if there may be a Fair, Car Wash or Event the City could use the students for.

No one else wished to address the Board the public session was closed at 7:10 p.m.

#### **Minutes September 15, 2014**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from the meetings of September 15, 2014 if found to be correct. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

#### **Communication #1 and #7 Dog Fund**

Mr. Izzo request that both communication be discussed together in the effort of time.

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the increase to the revenue and expense as follows for both communications:

2-001-0307-11-010-0009 Dog Fund Revenue \$2,317  
1-001-0301-12-614-0007 Dog Fund Expense 2,317

Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

#### **Communication #2 City Pension Fund**

Mr. Nimons request that this communication be tabled at this time.

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to table communication #2 City Pension Fund and Unison Cell Tower. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The request was tabled. (10 yes)

**Communication #10 Seasonal Wages \$11,000**

Mr. Izzo made a motion to deviate from the agenda to discuss communication #10 at this time. Ms. Biasucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

The Board was concerned that the transfer from the overtime account currently at \$39,000 may result in a shortfall down the road if there is a bad winter season. Mr. Novak noted that if the winter storms are bad he would be back here to request overtime funding. This program kept everything at a higher standard within in the City for a minimal cost. It was noted that the \$11,000 requested this evening would cover for work through October 17, 2014 the last day of employment for this program.

Mr. Bshara noted that the City may realize some extra saving in haul-away that may be able to be used down the road.

Mr. Izzo made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$11,000 from 1-001-0555-13-120-0001 Wages Overtime into 1-001-0555-13-111-0001 Wages Seasonal. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (7 yes, 3 no Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kohut, Mr. Veillette)

**Communication #3 Recreation Program Fee \$3,850**

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request to increase both the revenue and expense line item as follows:

2-001-0307-17-840-0016 Recreation Program Fees \$3,850  
1-001-0701-17-880-0026 Recreation Program Fees 3,850

Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

**Communication #4 Salary Resolutions and Transfers**

The Board wished to act on each resolution individually.

Fire Marshal Resolution \$59,149.16

Although the increase represents over 10% this position has been neglected for many years by previous administrations, Ansonia's Fire Marshal is the lowest paid in the State of Connecticut with surrounding towns earning in excess of \$70,000. The City is extremely luckily to have his expertise. It was noted that no other commitment has been made beyond this scheduled resolution.

Mr. Izzo made a motion to approve and accept the Resolution for the Fire Marshal Salary. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Public Works Foremen \$32.63/hour

Mr. Veillette made a motion to approve and accept the Resolution for the Public Works Foremen. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Anti-Bligh Clerk \$17.80/hour

Corporation Counsel Marini addressed the Board regarding the need for a full time administrator within the department. The City has been working actively to address

blight and clean up. It has been very successful however the burden to administer is excessive. Violations and documents have strict time tables that must be kept. This position will also help with the Zoning Department as well.

Mr. Bshara also contributed that the City has realized just this fiscal year \$60,000 in fees with much more anticipated.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Anti-Blight Clerk. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)  
Executive session began at 7:50 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to amend the agenda to include Ann Henderson vs. City of Ansonia. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve and accept the Salary Resolution for the Anti-Blight Clerk. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Registrar of Voters	8,997.24
Deputy Registrars	3,843.08

Mr. Izzo made a motion to approve and accept the Salary Resolution for the Registrar of Voters and the Deputy Registrars. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Audit Clerk \$26.97/hour

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve and accept the Salary Resolution for the Audit Clerk. Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$51,887.00 as follows:

Line Item #	Trans. In	Trans. Out
1-001-0200-11-111-0003 Audit Clerk	3,995	
1-001-0555-13-110-0001 Wages	7,180	
1-001-0212-11-111-0007 Anti Blight Clerk	24,422	
1-001-0400-12-110-0001 Fire Marshall Salary	5,027	
1-001-0202-11-110-0001 Registrars Salary	3,000	
1-001-0202-11-110-0002 Deputy Registrars	500	
1-001-0215-11-231-0001 Social Security	3,375	
1-001-0201-11-221-0001 Pens Fund/City Emp	3,528	
1-001-0555-13-220-0001 Pension	860	
1-001-0200-11-811-0001 Settlement Contingency		51,887

Ms. Geruntho seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

**Communication #5 Summer Camp \$2,497**

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$2,497 from 1-001-0216-11-152-0001 Summer Program into 1-001-0216-11-151-0001 Summer Employment. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

**Communication #6 Summer Camp \$3,000**

Ms. Geruntho made a motion to approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,000 from BOAT Contingency into 1-001-0216-11-151-0001 Summer Employment. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

**Communication #8 Insurance Police Dept \$3,494**

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$3,494 from 1-001-0200-17-880-0003 Other Department Expenses into 1-001-0301-12-433-0001 Vehicle Accident Account. Ms. Waugh seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

**Communication #9 Library Mosaic Floor Repair \$3,531.00**

Ms. Waugh made a motion to approve the request to increase the following line items:

2-001-0310-11-010-0021 Donations Revenue \$ 3,531

1-001-0601-17-440-0002 Mosaic Floor Repair \$ 3,531

Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (10 yes)

Ms. Waugh suggested the Friends of the Library use the High School Student to help in their aid for additional fund raising.

Mr. King suggested the Board give some consideration to whether they would like the meetings recorded for internet viewing. Mr. Veillette suggested that decision wait until after the November election. At that time the Charter Revision decision would have been made and the current members should be able to choose.

Corporation Counsel Marini commented that the Board would need to be able to monitor the video and upload to the internet. At the current time the only Board using the system is the Board of Aldermen.

With no other business to come before the Board Ms. Geruntho made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. ( 10 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Duclos

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Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation